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# REPORT

OF

THE BOARD OF VISITORS

OF THE

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE.

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## REPORT.

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE,  
July 4, 1849.

To his Excellency JOHN B. FLOYD,  
*Governor of the State of Virginia.*

SIR,

The session of the board of visitors was begun the 22d of June, and they respectfully submit to your consideration the following report:

The arms in the arsenal have been inspected, and they have examined the other public property. A committee to whom this duty was assigned, made a report, which is concurred in by the board, on the subject; and that document, marked A, is presented herewith. The condition of the building was fully presented in the annual report of the last year, made to your predecessor in office; and it is again referred to, for information on this point of enquiry.

Although this report might excusably omit any *present* opinion on the necessity of repairing or rebuilding parts of the establishment, yet the necessity for it is so pressing, that the board are justified by the exigency for urging it upon your consideration. It is commended to the public favor by arguments too striking and urgent to escape attention. The utility of the institute demands it, and the reputation it has well earned in the judgment of the country cannot be upheld, if the dilapidation of the buildings be not arrested by timely repairs or new improvements. Justice, economy and humanity plead in its behalf. The health of the cadets will be exposed to hazard, unless it be done; and the parsimony and neglect which will permit an institution to sink, that has already pressed itself, by its own energies and deserts, into the partialities of the commonwealth, cannot consort either with policy or patriotism.

The law of March 16th, 1849, having imposed on the visitors alternative enquiries that relate to the removal of the institute from its present locality, as well as further deliberations for its improvements, those duties are deferred to another term by obligations that bind us to a delay. Without blame on any one, causes of a public character have probably prevented, at this time, a full meeting of the board of visitors—and a *full meeting* is regarded as indispensable for executing the trusts comprised in the particular duties enjoined by act of March last. At such subsequent meeting, (now determined upon by those in attendance,) the whole subject of repairs, or rebuilding other or more suitable structures, will employ the care of a full board. But those

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now addressing you are so strongly persuaded of the exigent need for reconstructing and enlarging the buildings now in use, that they seize the occasion to manifest their conviction of its necessity.

It seldom happens that, for objects in view of the state, with such institutions as this, but that a liberal expenditure is the wisest economy; and parsimony is never so true to itself as when it gives to energy the means for augmenting both profits and utility.

The board employed much of their time at this session in examining the several classes of cadets. This examination illustrated the fidelity and ability of the excellent superintendent charged with this high trust, as well as the efficiency and zeal of his faithful and competent assistants, and the proficiency of the cadets. No truer test of the value and usefulness of the institute could be found than that which exists in the eager demand through the country for teachers from its graduates, and in the unabated and increasing anxiety of parents and guardians in the state to press their sons and wards into the instruction and discipline of its schools.

The application for admission of state and pay cadets greatly exceeded the numbers permitted by law for the one, and the bounds and means of the institute for the other class of pupils. This fact is the judgment of personal interest deliberating its peculiar welfare, with a vigilance never overreached, and a sagacity never false to itself, in favor of the comparative excellence of the academy. The expansion of its means to be useful addresses itself to the enlightened patriotism of the legislature, and will doubtless not do so in vain.

The board filled all the vacancies in the college of cadets which it was proper to supply, and they regret that it was their duty to deny admission to many, whose applications were well sustained by the best testimonials of promise and worth, and were rejected on those considerations of locality which the laws have made the guide and measure for selection. (A list is sent herewith.)

The finances of the institute are shewn by the report of the superintendent, which is also appended, and by the further report of the committee of the board, to whose examination that matter was committed. The receipts and expenditures are accurately stated, and the board gives the sanction of its approbation to the disbursements which have been made.

The modification of the arrangements for supplying the cadets with board, which materially reformed the "subsistence department," has demonstrated its utility, in the improved condition of this branch of the economy, and in its salutary and saving results.

It required the making of a temporary debt, which the parsimony of the change, with its savings, will speedily discharge, and then the *board* of the cadets may abate in price; or, if the legislature think fit to hasten the period for such reduction, its beneficent wisdom may supply the means. The report of the superintendent discloses enough of this subject to place it within the range of a full and accurate deliberation.

The course of studies and instruction remains as heretofore reported, with the addition of the study of geology and mineralogy at this session.



This institute was first opened in the year 1839. Infantry tactics, joined to the obligation of guarding the arms and arsenal of the commonwealth, with mathematics and the French language, comprised the whole scope of duties and instructions for the corps of cadets. In three or four years, the cycle of lectures embraced the French, English and Latin tongues, with astronomy, chemistry, optics and geography. At this time the studies extend to a full course of mathematics, mechanics, optics, astronomy, chemistry, geology, mineralogy, civil and military engineering, geography, drawing, infantry and artillery tactics, with the English, Latin and French languages, rhetoric and belles lettres, and the civil and military history of the United States.

It will readily be perceived, that this expanded course of instruction (thoroughly taught as it is,) must consume the whole time of the professors.

Indeed it might seem, that duty was seeking to wring from labor more, in some particulars, than a rightful exaction. From this point of view, it is due the trust within our care, that we neither close our own eyes nor omit the task of calling the wiser and better cares of the legislature to the injurious fact, that too many of these branches of education are devolved on a single professor. There are benefits resulting as strikingly from a division of the subtle labors of the intellectual faculties as in the manual toils of the mechanic arts. The professor of "physical sciences" is already charged with a burden of duties which it is difficult if not impossible for him to carry, with a wise regard to the distribution of mental toil for himself, and the fruits to be culled by others in this department.

The board have determined to abolish the professorship known by the comprehensive and somewhat indefinite term of "physical sciences," and to parcel out those duties into two professorships; that the first of these shall instruct the cadets in natural and experimental philosophy; the second, in chemistry; that the one shall perform the duty of teaching infantry tactics; the other, artillery tactics; and that the whole corps of cadets shall be drilled, taught and disciplined by these two professors, in the various duties and acquirements of their military education. The command of the corps to be associated with the first of these professorships, and both and each subordinate to the superintendent.

It will not be practicable to convert this division of labors into two professorships, without an appropriation to defray it.

An appropriation of a thousand dollars to this purpose will secure its benefits; and whether this will be made at all, or if made, whether justice will award it from the Literary fund or other resources of the treasury, is for the deliberation of the legislative guardians of the public weal.

Many cadets are every year delivered into the public possession, from this academy, bound to the duty of teaching the youth of the country, for two successive years. To all the objects of primary education in the youthful portion of our people, here is a salient and useful contribution of the highest practical value. It carries the best rudiments of sound learning, where they may take the strongest and

quickest growth. An equivalent from the pecuniary fund that has been consecrated to this design, would have the sanction of that justice, on which the public benefaction is bottomed.

The commonwealth at large, is annually deriving a large advantage from the corps of cadets in another point, vital to its security.

The military science, carried by this class into the service of the state, is of unmeasured value. You cannot hide its light within the walls of the schoolhouse—it is not of its nature to languish in lethargy, for its life-spring is energy,—it must be diffused, and that diffusion is a state benefaction. It cannot be, that these benefits would be taken by any portion of our people, without returning a just remuneration. It creates in itself a valid contract, *resting on consideration*, and, from this point of view, it is earnestly recommended.

A hospital at the institute is nearly finished, supplying a new security against the perils of disease, and adding to the comfort of those who may unhappily be its inmates.

The quartermaster's department has passed the scrutiny of our enquiries, and the board yields its approbation to its transactions for the past year.

Lieut. Colston has well deserved an augmentation of his compensation, and \$150, in addition, has been added to his salary.

The visitors take the opportunity to urge again on the public authorities the benefits that would accrue from commissioning by the state the professors of the institute, as military officers of the commonwealth. Responsibility and power should be associated. It is difficult to see why they are separated in this case, and there are many considerations invoking their union.

Nor will the occasion be allowed to pass, without again requesting that a sergeant of ordnance be sent to the institute. Whether he be sent from the guard at Richmond, or employed by the superintendent here, (always subject to the authority of military power,) is a question of little moment. There are heavy menial and military duties in cleaning the public arms, which the cadets have neither skill nor time to perform. It would be an injudicious abstraction from the youthful season of enthusiasm and study, to withdraw from their respective schools, for these functions, the cadets of the institute. A sergeant of ordnance would much better perform them.

The accompanying documents will inform you of other interesting matters at this place.

We have the honor to be, with all respect,

Your obed't serv'ts,

CORBIN BRAXTON, *President*.  
WM. H. RICHARDSON,  
PHILIP ST. GEO. COCKE,  
WM. W. CRUMP,  
DOUGLAS B. LAYNE,  
J. S. BARBOUR.



## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

HEAD QUARTERS,  
VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE,  
June 22, 1849.

SIR,

I have the honor to lay before you my annual report of the operations of this institution for the past year, accompanied with the reports of the professors, treasurer, quartermaster, commissary of subsistence, and steward, to all of which I would invite the particular attention of the board.

## COURSE OF INSTRUCTION.

The academic duties of the superintendent have been directed to the instruction of the second class in analytical geometry, differential and integral calculi, descriptive geometry, shades, shadows and perspective and surveying—the third class in algebra, geometry, trigonometry and analytical geometry—and the fourth class in arithmetic, algebra and geometry. In these duties, I have been assisted by Lieut. R. E. Rodes, and by cadets J. W. Massie and John Lawson of the first class, and cadet W. W. Gordon of the second class; and I take pleasure in bearing testimony to the zeal and fidelity with which they have discharged their duties. The unusually large size of the classes and the importance of devoting my time more particularly to the second class, which was occupied with the higher mathematics, have caused me to devolve, in a great degree, upon my assistants the instruction of the third and fourth classes. I have, however, passed over in review, the entire course with the third class, and the course of algebra with the fourth class. The second, third and fourth classes have therefore completed the full course prescribed for them on the programme of studies adopted by the board at their last meeting. In addition to the above duties, I have also devoted the usual time to the instruction of the first and second classes in the Bible, and have taken the first class through McIlvaine's Evidences of Christianity, and half through Paley's Natural Theology.

I would direct the special attention of the board to the recommendation of the professor of languages and English literature, as to the propriety of elevating the grade and compensation of Lieut. R. E. Colston. This officer has had exclusive control of the French department for two years, although holding the rank of assistant professor only, upon the limited compensation of \$400. It would seem to be due to a meritorious young officer, that the distinction, recommended by the chief of the department, should be awarded him.

I would also call attention to the recommendation of the professor of physical sciences, for the division of his chair. This subject was brought to the notice of the board at its last meeting, and the recommendation was adopted and urged upon the legislature in the annual report. The additional instruction which has been embraced in this course, the severe labors incident to the faithful discharge of the duties of the chair, and above all, the confinement from an uninterrupted round of duty for twelve months, resulting from the fact, that the professor of physical sciences is also commandant of cadets and instructor of tactics, present reasons for immediate relief, which must be apparent to every one. If the recommendation be responded to favorably by the legislature, the usual relaxation which is granted to the two other professors may be interchangeably taken by the instructor of infantry and artillery tactics, while the efficiency of the department will be at the same time immeasurably increased.

#### FINANCES.

The reports of the treasurer, quartermaster and commissary of subsistence, and a statement marked A, which I have carefully prepared, will present a full exhibit of the condition of the finances. The treasurer reports a balance to the credit of the institute of \$584 28, with the sum of \$8 81 remaining unexpended of the philosophical apparatus appropriation. These amounts should be augmented by the balance to the credit of the quartermaster, in the treasurer's report, viz: \$633 41, and by available balance to the credit of the quartermaster, from the sales of property on hand, of \$1620 91, less estimated amount of bad debts, \$820 09, making the total available balance to the credit of the institute, of \$1827 32.

This statement excludes the reported balance credited to the subsistence department, as this sum is embraced in the settlement of this department. The estimate of receipts and expenditures for the next fiscal year, commencing 1st July 1849, shews, that, after supporting the institute to the 1st July 1850, and paying all outstanding claims against it, there will be a nett balance to the credit of the institute, should no new liabilities be incurred, of \$75 31; the present and accruing means, to the 1st January next, enabling us at the same time to support the institute for the next half year. This estimate embraces a full settlement of the balance due for the erection of the superintendent's quarters and the hospital. The debt due Crawford and Pole, to meet which the institute had transferred to them the debt of Washington college, is still unsettled, arising from some delay on the part of the trustees of the college. I have been informed by one of the trustees, that the account will be taken up at the present meeting of the board; and it is hoped that the claim of Crawford and Pole will be now finally adjusted.

#### QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

Intimately connected with the financial condition of the institute, are the operations of the quartermaster's department. This depart-



ment is charged with the purchase and issue of the supplies of clothing, books, fuel, &c. for the use of the cadets, embracing an accountability of about \$15,000.

Statement B, with the accompanying inventory of the quartermaster, presents a full exhibit of its operations. The nett value of available property on hand is \$6145 03, and the outstanding claims, as per accompanying bills, \$4724 12, leaving an available balance to the credit of this department of \$1620 91. This balance has been transferred to the credit of the institute, after deducting the estimated amount of bad debts, as per statement B<sup>1</sup>. The operations of the tailor's branch of this department shew results which are fully as satisfactory as those reported last year. Statement B<sup>2</sup> shews, that the number of garments made is smaller, in proportion to the number of cadets, than for any preceding year.

#### SUBSISTENCE DEPARTMENT.

In obedience to the orders of the board, I proceeded, immediately after their adjournment last summer, to make arrangements for the organization of the subsistence department. After careful enquiry in Philadelphia, New York, and especially at West Point, I was convinced of the superior advantages of the system adopted by the board, and concluded to exercise the discretionary authority vested in me, by putting the new system into operation on the 1st January. Proposals were accordingly invited for furnishing the necessary supplies. The contract for the supply of groceries was awarded to Messrs. Compton & McDonald of Lexington, as they were the lowest bidders, as per statement D. Private contracts were also made with Dr. A. Graham, for the supply of milk, vegetables and wood, and with Mr. R. L. Gillock, for fresh meat; all of which are herewith presented. To meet the expectations and design of the board, some indispensable additions and repairs were made, the propriety and necessity of which will be manifest by personal inspection. In making these improvements, and in purchasing the necessary table and kitchen furniture, a temporary debt has been imposed upon the subsistence department, as follows:

|  |   |   |                   |
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| 1st. For table and kitchen furniture,            | - | - | 938 67            |
| 2d. For extra articles to supply accidents,      | - | - | 364 02            |
| 3d. For building store-room,                     | - | - | 500 00            |
| 4th. For building bake-room,                     | - | - | 53 29             |
| 5th. For building servants' rooms and wash-room, |   |   | 245 38            |
| 6th. For the purchase of negro baker,            | - |   | 449 00            |
| 7th. For sundry repairs,                         | - | - | 238 53            |
| Total,   |   |   | <u>\$2,788 89</u> |

Of this debt, there has been paid, from the sinking fund of the subsistence department, the sum of \$374 79, leaving the present debt \$2,414 10. This statement includes the purchase of a negro man, as a baker. This purchase was made partly from necessity, partly

from economy. I had secured the services of a white man as baker, but had to discharge him at the end of the first month. The lowest rate of wages for a good baker is \$200 a year. The servant whom I have purchased has been baking for the cadets for three years, is a healthy, active man, 36 years of age, and cost \$449. The report of the commissary, and steward, and statement C, which I have prepared from them, shew that, at the present rate of board, the entire debt of the subsistence department can be cancelled by the profits of the department in less than two years, the annual profit being \$1,680. The statement of the steward shews that the actual cost for the maintenance of the cadets' commons, is \$640 per month, for an average of 104 cadets, the monthly receipt for board being \$780. This result is based upon a most liberal provision for the mess hall, as is seen by the accompanying bill of fare, (C<sup>3</sup>.) and is still more fully exhibited by the very satisfactory report of the superintendent of the mess hall, cadet Captain E. T. Fristoe, (C<sup>2</sup>.) As soon as the debt of the subsistence department is paid, the charge for board may be reduced to the actual cost, \$6 15 per month; or, should this debt be met by legislative appropriation, the reduction in the price of board may be made immediately.

The result of the practical workings of the new system, for the last six months, is a deep conviction of its importance to the comfort of the cadets; and it is confidently expected that its superior advantages will be so apparent to the board, by personal examination, that every doubt of its practicability will be entirely removed.

The board having left the appointment of commissary and steward in the hands of the faculty, subject to the ratification of the board, at the present meeting, Mr. John T. Gibbs was appointed commissary, and Mr. William A. Irving, steward. Mr. Gibbs accepted the office, and entered upon its duties on the 1st October last. Mr. Irving declined the appointment, and Mr. W. S. Eskridge, who had been appointed temporarily as steward, having also resigned, the faculty assigned to Mr. Gibbs the duties of steward in addition to those of commissary. The regulations design these duties to be discharged by different persons, with the view of exercising a mutual check. The faculty were induced, however, to make the exception, from the superior qualifications of the commissary for the discharge of the two offices, and from the belief that the rigid accountability which the details of the system required, made the separation of the two offices unnecessary in the present case. The expense of the subsistence department is also diminished by employing one officer instead of two. The compensation allowed to the commissary and steward is \$500 a year, with the necessary subsistence, fuel, &c. for his family.

I do not hesitate to recommend to the board, to confirm the appointment of Mr. Gibbs.

#### PHILOSOPHICAL APPARATUS.

In obedience to an order of the board, directions were given to the professor of physical sciences, to purchase the apparatus, for which



an appropriation was made by the act of March 30th, 1848. The manner in which this order has been executed, will be seen by reference to the report of the professor. The superintendent has received from the adjutant-general \$1000 on this account, of which sum \$8 81 remain unexpended.

#### QUARTERS, DISCIPLINE AND POLICE.

The special attention of the board is directed to the condition of the cadets' barracks. After a careful examination of the premises last summer, the board were unanimously of opinion, that the cadets' quarters needed extensive repairs to make them comfortable to the cadets, and safe to the large amount of property on deposit in the arsenal. The act of the legislature of March 16th, 1849, imposes upon the board responsible duties in connection with this subject, which will, at the proper time, engage their serious attention. I do not feel called upon to express any opinion upon the delicate points involved in this enquiry, unless such opinion shall be demanded by the board; but I am constrained to urge, with great earnestness, the indispensable necessity of an immediate provision for the repairs or reconstruction of the cadets' barracks, should it be decided that the institute shall remain at this place. Whether the inconveniences and risks complained of may be better removed by a thorough repair of the buildings, or by an entire reconstruction, may be ascertained by minute personal examination and a comparison of the estimates of costs in the two cases. An inspection of our present barrack will shew, 1st. An insufficiency of accommodation. Four and five cadets have been rooming together all the year. 2d. A want of proper ventilation. 3d. The insecurity of the public property on account of the risk from fire. The first inconvenience may be remedied by the erection of a detached building, but at a great sacrifice to the discipline of the cadets. No species of repairs, that I can imagine, can remove the imperfect ventilation which arises from the limited interior court, or the risk from fire caused by the peculiar structure of the edifice, without removing the entire building. To repair the barracks and to erect the additional detached building, will cost \$10,000. To rebuild the establishment upon the plan herewith presented, which furnishes ample accommodations for 200 cadets, and perfect security from fire, will cost \$30,000. No expenditure of money can remove by repairs the unsightly appearance from the incongruous mass of patch-work, of which the present building is composed. The new plan presents a tasty, yet unostentatious building, in every respect suited for the purpose of a military barrack, nor will there be any sacrifice to the state in pulling down the old building. The state has only expended some \$4000 for this building, originally designed for soldiers' barracks. The additions to them have been erected by means of tuition fees derived from the pay cadets. The old materials which may be used in the reconstruction, are worth the amount which the state has invested in them. So that in every view which can be taken of the subject, whether as a question of *security, health,*



*comfort, discipline, taste or economy*, the board must be convinced that it is better to *rebuild* than to *repair*. In connection with this subject, I lay before the board the report of a court of enquiry, convened by order of the governor, to examine into the cause of the fire which originated in the institute, on the night of the 3d March 1849.

#### TEACHERS.

I am gratified to be able to report, that the graduates of this institution have been diligently discharging the duty of teachers in the schools of the state; and no better evidence can be given of their acceptableness in this capacity, than the fact that I have again a larger number of applications for teachers, than it will be possible for me to supply from our present graduating class. Some of our graduates who have commenced in subordinate stations, have risen to the chief management of academies of a high order. Two have become professors of colleges, and others who had, at a venture, opened schools in situations which had been mostly abandoned, have revived the schools, and they are now doing prosperously. To give greater efficiency and uniformity to this important department of the institute, I have prepared and published some detailed directions for the management of schools, which I have extensively distributed, and copies of which I herewith lay before the board.

#### PUBLIC EXAMINERS.

In obedience to instructions from the board, Professor John B. Strange, of the Norfolk academy, and Professor T. B. Robertson, of Richmond college, distinguished graduates of the institute, have been invited to be present at this meeting of the board, and to unite with the faculty in the examination of the classes.

#### LIBRARY.

A valuable addition to our library has been made by the receipt of a number of volumes of works through the adjutant-general, a present from Mr. Vattermare, the agent of the French government for international exchange of books.

#### HOSPITAL.

The hospital, directed to be built, is now nearly finished, and will be ready for use, should circumstances require it, by the first of August. The health of the cadets, during the past year, has been unusually good—two or three cases of severe illness have occurred since the commencement of the session—and it is a fact proper to remark, that, while the cadets suffer more or less during the winter from colds, arising in some degree from the uncomfortable quarters which they occupy, but one death has taken place among the cadets, since the commencement of the institute, in 1839.

## CONCLUSION.

The year that has just closed completes the 10th anniversary of this institution. It is well known to those members of the board, who have been for much of this time connected with it, that the ten years which have rolled away have been years of peculiar trial. The establishment of the Virginia military institute was the *first* experiment in the application of military discipline to the government of a state college. The enterprise was not only a novel one, but it had to be commenced and carried on, against prejudice, and with insufficient means. The results have exceeded the expectations of its warmest friends. Who could have anticipated that the little band of youthful Virginians, which, ten years ago, relieved the guard at this arsenal of its charge, was to be the nucleus of an institution, whose successful operation has prompted the establishment upon the same model of *two* in South Carolina, two in Kentucky, one in Maryland, one in Mississippi, and one in Louisiana; and which has been instrumental in suggesting material changes not only in the schools and academies, but in the oldest colleges of our own state? \*

Who could have foreseen that, in this short period, occasion would be presented to test the value of its military instruction, and that its graduates were to be called upon to give efficiency to Virginia's volunteer regiment on the battle-field? It is a cause of deep acknowledgment to the author of all our blessings, that He has made us instrumental in furnishing facilities of education to so many of the humble poor of our State, who have been sent back among our people, to diffuse the light which they have here received; and it is a source of gratification that we continue to have so many evidences of approbation from those whose good opinion we do so highly prize. That we may be made more and more efficient in the great work in which we are engaged, we look with confidence to the zealous co-operation which has hitherto been exhibited by the board of visitors, to whose consideration the operations of the institute, for the past year, are now respectfully submitted.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your obed't serv't,


FRANCIS H. SMITH, *Supt. V. M. I.*

General CORBIN BRAXTON, *President*  
*Board of Visitors Va. M. I.*

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\* Reference is here made to Washington and William and Mary Colleges, which have adopted, to a greater or less extent, our system of demerit and class, and to the University of Virginia, which has recently introduced a system of state pupils.

**MERIT ROLL of the Cadets of the Virginia Military Institute, as determined by the General Examination before the Board of Visitors, July 1849.**

 \* Distinguished.  
† Deficient.

**FIRST CLASS—GRADUATES.**

| General Merit. | NAMES.               | COUNTIES.         | TOTAL. | REMARKS.                  |
|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------|---------------------------|
| *1             | John Lawson, -       | Richmond City, -  | 2087.5 | Ass't. prof. mathematics. |
| *2             | J. W. Massie, -      | Angusta, -        | 2081.7 | Do. do.                   |
| 3              | Samuel Garland, .    | Campbell, -       | 2079.2 | Do. languages.            |
| 4              | E. T. Fristoe, -     | Rappahannock, -   | 2057.7 | 1st captain.              |
| 5              | J. W. Allen, -       | Bedford, -        | 2051.2 | 2d lieutenant.            |
| 6              | Robert Gatewood, -   | Norfolk City, -   | 2046.2 | Ass't. prof. languages.   |
| 7              | W. J. Morrissett, -  | Chesterfield, -   | 2039.7 |                           |
| 8              | Thomas H. Carter, -  | Clarke, -         | 1996   |                           |
| 9              | R. Pollard, -        | Albemarle, -      | 1989   |                           |
| 10             | R. Logan, -          | Halifax, -        | 1977.2 |                           |
| 11             | F. Lackland, -       | Jefferson, -      | 1963.2 | 2d lieutenant.            |
| 12             | K. Otey, -           | Campbell, -       | 1960.2 | Adjutant.                 |
| 13             | J. H. Estis, -       | Nelson, -         | 1943.2 |                           |
| 14             | J. W. Steenbergen, - | Mason, -          | 1942.2 |                           |
| 15             | P. B. Adams, -       | Harrison, -       | 1935.9 | 2d captain.               |
| 16             | E. T. Bridges, -     | Richmond City, -  | 1896.7 |                           |
| 17             | F. W. Cox, -         | Essex, -          | 1867.7 |                           |
| 18             | William Byrd, -      | Frederick, -      | 1862.2 |                           |
| 19             | J. F. Jordan, -      | Alleghany, -      | 1856.9 | Quartermaster.            |
| 20             | B. F. Ficklin, -     | Albemarle, -      | 1850.7 |                           |
| 21             | G. P. Terrill, -     | Bath, -           | 1844.7 | 1st lieutenant.           |
| 22             | A. R. Ranson, -      | Jefferson, -      | 1842.2 |                           |
| 23             | J. B. Norville, -    | Prince William, - | 1758.4 |                           |
| 24             | L. P. Thompson, -    | Angusta, -        | 1720.7 |                           |

**SECOND CLASS.**

| General Merit. | NAMES.                   | COUNTIES.        | TOTAL. | REMARKS.                  |
|----------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------|---------------------------|
| *1             | W. W. Gordon, .          | Essex, -         | 985    | Ass't. prof. mathematics. |
| *2             | P. B. Smith, -           | Northampton, -   | 963    | Sergeant.                 |
| 3              | C. D. Rice, -            | Jefferson, -     | 962.5  |                           |
| 4              | Charles Denby, -         | Richmond City, - | 955    | Quartermaster serg'nt.    |
| 5              | J. G. Paxton, -          | Rockbridge, -    | 953.5  |                           |
| 6              | W. D. Stuart, -          | Angusta, -       | 949.5  | Sergeant.                 |
| 7              | J. M. Brockenbrough, -   | Richmond City, - | 941    | Sergeant-major.           |
| 8              | C. H. Harrison, -        | Cumberland, -    | 936    | Corporal.                 |
| 9              | Thomas O. Benton, -      | Nansemond, -     | 927.5  | Sergeant.                 |
| 10             | B. Trueheart, -          | Richmond City, - | 915.5  | Orderly sergeant.         |
| 11             | William B. Littlepage, - | King & Queen, -  | 908    | Corporal.                 |
| 12             | H. T. Parrish, -         | Cumberland, -    | 906    |                           |
| 13             | L. Brockenbrough, -      | Richmond City, - | 896.5  | Sergeant.                 |
| †14            | William Booton, -        | Madison, -       | 892    |                           |
| 15             | William H. Urquhart, -   | Southampton, -   | 881    | Corporal.                 |
| 16             | J. H. Stalnacker, -      | Greenbrier, -    | 880    |                           |
| 17             | C. Smith, -              | Northampton, -   | 877.5  |                           |
| 18 }           | A. C. Jones, -           | Marshall, -      | 876.5  | Sergeant.                 |
| 19 }           | J. T. Moss, -            | Fairfax, -       | 876.5  | Do.                       |
| 20 }           | W. R. Terry, -           | Bedford, -       | 873.5  | Orderly sergeant.         |
| †21 }          | G. Jordan, -             | Page, -          | 839.5  | Sergeant.                 |
| †22 }          | G. Roberts, -            | Rappahannock, -  | 839.5  | Color sergeant.           |
| †23 }          | R. R. Smith, -           | Clarke, -        |        | Sergeant.                 |



## THIRD CLASS.

| General Merit. | NAMES.              | COUNTIES.        | TOTAL. | REMARKS.  |
|----------------|---------------------|------------------|--------|-----------|
| *1             | A. T. Harrison,     | - Richmond City, | 889.5  | Corporal. |
| *2             | Charles Cooke,      | - Hanover,       | 885    |           |
| 3              | A. J. Vaughan,      | - Dinwiddie,     | 877.5  |           |
| 4              | R. O. Whitehead,    | - Nansemond,     | 877    |           |
| 5              | W. Y. C. Humes,     | - Washington,    | 876    |           |
| 6              | G. H. Carpenter,    | - Monroe,        | 869    |           |
| 7              | W. A. Harriss,      | - Rockbridge,    | 868    |           |
| 8              | J. A. Marshall,     | - Fauquier,      | 866    |           |
| 9              | E. P. Tayloe,       | - King George,   | 863    |           |
| 10             | P. C. Gibbs,        | - Morgan,        | 860.5  |           |
| 11             | G. G. Garrison,     | - Princess Anne, | 855    |           |
| 12             | W. H. Burroughs,    | - Do.            | 853    |           |
| 13             | R. S. Burks,        | - Botetourt,     | 851    |           |
| 14             | F. S. Bass,         | - Brunswick,     | 851    | Corporal. |
| 15             | J. C. Page,         | - Cumberland,    | 851    |           |
| 16             | H. Carrington,      | - Charlotte,     | 849    |           |
| 17             | Thomas E. Upshaw,   | - King & Queen,  | 846.5  |           |
| 18             | J. H. Johnston,     | - Norfolk City,  | 845    |           |
| 19             | Thomas A. Harris,   | - Bedford,       | 844.5  |           |
| 20             | J. T. B. Winfree,   | - Campbell,      | 842.5  |           |
| 21             | William A. Eliason, | - Alexandria,    | 841    |           |
| 22             | R. Ashby,           | - Fauquier,      | 840.5  |           |
| 23             | A. F. Gooch,        | - Richmond City, | 838    |           |
| 24             | E. P. Williams,     | - Clarke,        | 836.5  |           |
| 25             | A. B. Jordan,       | - Isle of Wight, | 835.5  |           |
| 26             | B. Elliott,         | - Orange,        | 834.5  | Corporal. |
| 27             | Henry Gantt,        | - Albemarle,     | 829    |           |
| 28             | W. R. Whitehead,    | - Nansemond,     | 822.5  |           |
| 29             | R. F. W. Morriss,   | - Amherst,       | 822.5  |           |
| 30             | J. T. Butts,        | - Southampton,   | 803.5  |           |
| 31             | James Giles,        | - Pittsylvania,  | 799    |           |
| 32             | A. D. Calcote,      | - Isle of Wight, | 795.5  |           |
| +33            | J. F. Mays,         | - Wythe,         | 772.5  |           |
| +34            | William M. Waller,  | - Amherst,       | 753.5  |           |

## FOURTH CLASS.

| General Merit. | NAMES.            | COUNTIES.        | TOTAL. | REMARKS. |
|----------------|-------------------|------------------|--------|----------|
| *1             | H. A. Whiting,    | - Hanover,       | 749    |          |
| *2             | M. P. Christian,  | - Campbell,      | 741    |          |
| 3              | P. Bouldin,       | - Charlotte,     | 734.5  |          |
| 4              | James Walker,     | - Augusta,       | 725.5  |          |
| 5              | R. Lovell,        | - Madison,       | 715.5  |          |
| 6              | G. A. Goodman,    | - Albemarle,     | 714.5  |          |
| 7              | George Waddell,   | - Campbell,      | 708.5  |          |
| 8              | J. H. McPherson,  | - Greenbrier,    | 702    |          |
| 9              | M. B. Manser,     | - Fayette,       | 700    |          |
| 10             | R. A. Thompson,   | - Kanawha,       | 688.5  |          |
| 11             | J. V. Hall,       | - Princess Anne, | 686    |          |
| 12             | H. Strickler,     | - Page,          | 684    |          |
| 13             | F. A. Lovell,     | - Kanawha,       | 663.5  |          |
| 14             | J. F. Early,      | - Campbell,      | 660    |          |
| 15             | M. F. Tutwiler,   | - Fluvanna,      | 658    |          |
| 16             | H. Ker,           | - Northampton,   | 656    |          |
| 17             | J. L. Ashby,      | - Clarke,        | 650.5  |          |
| 18             | L. J. Nottingham, | - Northampton,   | 650    |          |
| 19             | W. J. Preston,    | - Richmond City, | 607.5  |          |

## [ A. ]

STATEMENT *Exhibiting the Condition of the Finances of the Virginia Military Institute, June 1849, and Estimate for 1849-50.*

|   |  |  |  |     |     |                  |
|---|--|--|--|-----|-----|------------------|
| The Virginia Military institute stands credited with balance on hand, as per treasurer's report, June 1849, |  |  |  | -   | -   | 584 9            |
| Also with balance to credit of phil. apparatus,   |  |  |  | do. | do. | 8 8              |
| Do. do. do. of quartermaster,   |  |  |  | do. | do. | 633 41           |
| Do. with available balance of property in the hands of the quartermaster as per statement B,                |  |  |  | -   | -   | 1,420 91         |
|   |  |  |  |     |     | <u>2,054 32</u>  |
| Less estimated amount of bad debts,   |  |  |  | -   | -   | 820 09           |
|   |  |  |  |     |     | <u>1,234 2</u>   |
| Available balance to the credit of the V. M. I. June 1849,  |  |  |  | -   | -   | <u>\$1,827 3</u> |

*Estimate of Receipts and Liabilities, from July 1, 1849, to July 1, 1850.*

| CR.                              |   | RECEIPTS.          | LIABILITIES.                 |   | DR                 |
|----------------------------------|---|--------------------|------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| Available balance on hand,       |   | 1,827 32           | Current expenses, (1.)       | - | 12,164 00          |
| Tuition fees, estimated,         | - | 2,800 00           | Due J. G. Pole, as per bill, | - | 1,500 92           |
| Literary fund appropriation,     |   | 1,500 00           | " Robt. White, "             | - | 841 45             |
| Annual state do.                 | - | 7,710 00           | " H. M. Estill, "            | - | 300 00             |
| Diplomas, estimated,             | - | 100 00             | Balance,                     | - | 75 31              |
| Commission acc't                 | - | 650 00             |                              |   |                    |
| Debt due from subsistence dep't, |   | 294 34             |                              |   |                    |
|                                  |   | <u>\$14,881 66</u> |                              |   | <u>\$14,881 66</u> |

## [ 1. ]

*Estimated Annual Current Expenses Virginia Military Institute.*

|   |   |                    |
|---|---|--------------------|
| Board, washing, fuel, light, &c., 32 state cadets, at \$112 each (2.) | - | 3,584 00           |
| Salary of superintendent,   | - | 2,000 00           |
| " of three professors,  | - | 3,600 00           |
| " of three assistant professors and treasurer,                        | - | 1,350 00           |
| " of surgeon,   | - | 50 00              |
| Hire of musicians,  | - | 600 00             |
| " of servants,  | - | 480 00             |
| Contingencies,  | - | 500 00             |
|   |   | <u>\$12,164 00</u> |

## [ 2. ]

*Estimated Annual Expense to the Institute for a State Cadet.*

|   |   |                 |
|---|---|-----------------|
| Board for average period of 10½ months at \$7 50, | - | 78 75           |
| Washing, " " at \$1 25,                           | - | 13 12½          |
| Fuel, lights, books, &c.,                         | - | 20 12½          |
|   |   | <u>\$112 00</u> |

FRANCIS H. SMITH,  
Supt. Va. M. Institute.

[ B<sup>1</sup> ]STATEMENT of Balances due by Ex-Cadets, on the Books of the Treasurer  
Virginia Military Institute, June 1849.

|                  |        |                       |                  |
|------------------|--------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Gardner, - - -   | 25     | Cary, C. - - -        | 25               |
| Beirne, - - -    | 15     | Cary, J. - - -        | 35               |
| Edmondson, - - - | 1 30   | Derby, - - -          | 35               |
| Cullen, - - -    | 3 66   | Eppes, - - -          | 2 43             |
| Macon,* - - -    | 47 13  | Ellis, - - -          | 64               |
| Smith, Jy. - - - | 2 74   | Finney, - - -         | 42 35            |
| Sinton, - - -    | 82     | Gamble, - - -         | 25               |
| Ross, - - -      | 3 20   | Harman, - - -         | 2 14             |
| E. Taylor, - - - | 4 65   | Harrison, W. - - -    | 75               |
| Welch, - - -     | 08     | Jones, C. S. - - -    | 2 35             |
| Fitzhugh, - - -  | 32 72  | Jones, J. R. - - -    | 85               |
| Porter, - - -    | 6 64   | Payne, - - -          | 2 69             |
| McGrew, - - -    | 25     | Pendleton, E. - - -   | 20               |
| Taylor, W. - - - | 2 07   | Powell, W. - - -      | 4 29             |
| Moncure, - - -   | 4 46   | Pryor, - - -          | 78 60            |
| Terry,* - - -    | 63 99  | Trigg, - - -          | 15               |
| Madison, - - -   | 50     | Williams, J. J. - - - | 25 04            |
| Slaughter, - - - | 19 24  | Hall, - - -           | 06               |
| Willis, C. - - - | 31     | Watkins, - - -        | 133 60           |
| Tibbs, - - -     | 75     | Robertson, G. - - -   | 12 50            |
| Clemens, - - -   | 25     | Yeatman,* - - -       | 10 33            |
| Baker, - - -     | 1 00   | Rudd, - - -           | 15               |
| Wiley, - - -     | 1 25   | Banks, - - -          | 05               |
| Claytor, - - -   | 14     | Glenn, - - -          | 5 08             |
| Gray, - - -      | 2 33   | A. Carrington, - - -  | 3 56             |
| Battaile, - - -  | 3 40   | Ellison, - - -        | 3 50             |
| Beale, - - -     | 17 78  | Jacobs, - - -         | 10               |
| Berkeley, - - -  | 30     |                       |                  |
| Byrd, J. - - -   | 42 01  |                       |                  |
| Bronaugh,* - - - | 216 00 |                       |                  |
|                  |        |                       | <u>\$ 811 98</u> |

Those names marked \*, are *bad debts*, amounting to - - - 337 45  
Bad debts previous to 1847, - - - 482 64

Total amount of bad debts, - - - \$ 820 09



[ B<sup>2</sup> ]

STATEMENT *Exhibiting the Condition of the Quartermaster's Department  
Virginia Military Institute, June 1849.*

CR.

This department stands credited with the nett value of available property on hand, as per quartermaster's inventory, all of which will be in requisition during the next year, - - - - - 6,145 0

DR.

This department stands charged with the following claims against it, as per accompanying bills:

|     |  |   |   |       |          |
|-----|--|---|---|-------|----------|
| Due | John Wiley, New York,                    | - | - | 259   | 13       |
| "   | John M. Davies, Jones & Co., New York,   | - | - | 204   | 12       |
| "   | W. H. Cary & Co.                         | " | - | 9     | 00       |
| "   | Thomas Cowperthwait & Co., Philadelphia, | - | - | 755   | 40       |
| "   | T. P. James,                             | " | - | 149   | 15       |
| "   | Horstmann & Sons,                        | " | - | 38    | 50       |
| "   | McCallister & Co.                        | " | - | 265   | 76       |
| "   | Cary & Hart,                             | " | - | 13    | 32       |
| "   | Paul, Pegram & Co., Norfolk,             | - | - | 1,972 | 15       |
| "   | F. W. Seabury,                           | " | - | 262   | 00       |
| "   | D. Evans & Co., Attleboro' Mass.,        | - | - | 250   | 00       |
| "   | J. L. Deaver, Lexington,                 | - | - | 113   | 00       |
| "   | William Stevens,                         | " | - | 230   | 24       |
| "   | George A. Baker,                         | " | - | 53    | 22       |
| "   | And. Withrow,                            | " | - | 6     | 25       |
| "   | J. W. Paine,                             | " | - | 4     | 87       |
| "   | J. T. Figgatt,                           | " | - | 6     | 26       |
| "   | M. McKenzie,                             | " | - | 18    | 00       |
| "   | Plunkett & McCampbell, Lexington,        | - | - | 13    | 75       |
|     | Outstanding debts, (estimated,)          | - | - | 100   | 00       |
|     |  |   |   |       | <hr/>    |
|     |  |   |   |       | 4,724 12 |

Nett available balance to the credit of quartermaster's department, - \$1,420 91

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FRANCIS H. SMITH,  
Supt. V. M. I.

[ B<sup>3</sup> ]

STATEMENT shewing the Operations of the Tailor's Department Virginia Military Institute, for the Year commencing July 1848, and ending July 1849.

|                  | U. Coats. | Overcoats. | W. Pants. | S. Pants. | W. Vests. | S. Vests. | Fatigue Jackets. | Repairing. |
|------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------|------------|
| August, - - - -  | 25        | -          | 3         | 40        | -         | 1         | 23               | 10 35      |
| September, - - - | 9         | -          | 33        | 51        | -         | -         | 2                | 8 54       |
| October, - - - - | 25        | -          | 33        | -         | -         | -         | -                | 7 80       |
| November, - - -  | 7         | 18         | 20        | -         | 3         | -         | -                | 5 12       |
| December, - - -  | 13        | 7          | 20        | -         | 4         | -         | -                | 4 26       |
| January, - - - - | 22        | 3          | 36        | -         | 4         | -         | -                | 2 62       |
| February, - - -  | 14        | 1          | 19        | -         | -         | -         | -                | 7 79       |
| March, - - - -   | 6         | -          | 4         | -         | -         | -         | -                | 54 92      |
| April, - - - -   | 17        | -          | -         | 104       | -         | -         | -                | 14 84      |
| May, - - - -     | 12        | -          | -         | 94        | -         | -         | -                | 9 85       |
| June, - - - -    | 8         | -          | 16        | 11        | -         | -         | -                | 5 87       |
|                  | 158       | 29         | 189       | 300       | 11        | 1         | 25               | \$132 06   |

*Payments to Tailor 1848-9.*

|   |   |   |                   |
|---|---|---|-------------------|
| October 1st, To quarter's salary to date, | - | - | 379 34            |
| January 1st, " " "                        | - | - | 464 62            |
| April 1st, " " "                          | - | - | 411 50            |
| July 1st, " " "                           | - | - | 375 00            |
|   |   |   | <u>\$1,630 46</u> |

*Receipts from Tailor.*

|  |   |   |                   |
|--|---|---|-------------------|
| 158 cadet coats, at \$4 50, -                            | - | - | 711 00            |
| 29 " overcoats, at \$4 00, -                             | - | - | 116 00            |
| 189 pair winter pants, at \$1 50, -                      | - | - | 283 50            |
| 300 pair summer " at \$1 00, -                           | - | - | 300 00            |
| 11 cadet winter vests, at \$1 50, -                      | - | - | 16 50             |
| 1 " summer vest, at \$1 50, -                            | - | - | 1 50              |
| 25 " fatigue jackets, at \$1 50, -                       | - | - | 37 50             |
| Mending and altering, -                                  | - | - | 132 06            |
| Total receipts from tailor's department to July 1, 1849, |   |   | <u>\$1,598 06</u> |

## RECAPITULATION.

|  |   |                |
|--|---|----------------|
| Total payments to tailor for year ending July 1, 1849, | - | 1,630 46       |
| Total receipts from " " "                              | - | 1,598 06       |
| Total loss in tailor's department,                     | - | <u>\$32 40</u> |

[ C<sup>1</sup> ]

## BIDS for Supplies at Virginia Military Institute, October 16th, 1848.

| BIDDERS.                           | 14,000 lbs. Bacon. | 400 Bushels Potatoes. | 150 bls. Flour. | 300 Bushels Oats. | 300 Bushels Corn. | 400 galls. Molasses. | 4000 lbs. Br. Sugar. | 3000 lbs. C. Sugar. | 1500 lbs. Coffee. | 250 lbs. Tea. | 400 lbs. Rice. | 800 lbs. Lard. | Total Cost of Bids. |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Hugh Barclay and<br>J. W. Barclay, | 1400               | 160                   | 600             | 69                | 120               | 180                  | 350                  | 345                 | 120 00            | 250           | 24             | 80             | \$3,698 0           |
| W. H. Taylor &<br>Co., -           | 1540               | 160                   | 600             | 69                | 120               | 168                  | 290                  | 330                 | 120 00            | 205           | 24             | 80             | 3,706 0             |
| Jas. Compton and<br>McDonald, -    | 1330               | 176                   | 600             | 60                | 96                | 172                  | 280                  | 330                 | 138 75            | 270           | 24             | 70             | 3,546 7             |

[ C<sup>2</sup> ]

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT CADETS' MESS HALL.

As superintendent of the mess hall, and in concurrence with the opinions of all those whom I have consulted upon the relative condition of said hall, I can, without hesitation on my part, say, in contrasting it in its present condition with its condition before January, that there has been a most remarkable change for the better, in every particular. As for cleanliness, it has been as nice as could be wished for and if at any time an article has been out of order, it has been attended to as soon as made known to the servants, who have been very careful and attentive to their business, and obedient and polite to the cadets in all their deportment.

A vast improvement has been made in the cooking, both in the manner and in the variety of ways it has been done; also in the variety of dishes, especially in the way of dessert, which has been placed upon the table every day, without fail; besides, whenever any dish, such as butter, &c., has given out, another has been placed upon the table as soon as called for—a thing which was not done before. And whenever there has been the least case of complaint,—a thing which has very seldom happened—it has been corrected as soon as the fact has been reported to the steward, who has always been very attentive in the mess hall, in every particular, and always ready to serve the cadets to any thing which the *bill of fare* called for. And in conversing with many of those whose opinions ought to have considerable influence, and who are sufficiently well acquainted with the affairs of the mess hall to form a proper estimate of it, they have, without exception, agreed that they would not wish for better, under any circumstances whatever.

E. F. FRISTOE,  
Supt. Mess Hall of Cadets.

Col. F. H. SMITH, Supt. V. M. I.



## [ D. ]

**STATEMENT** *Exhibiting the Condition of the Subsistence Department Virginia Military Institute, June 1849.*

**DR.**

This department stands charged with the following outstanding claims, as per accompanying bills:

|  |       |    |                 |
|--|-------|----|-----------------|
| Due Col. J. Jordan, for store-room, permanent improvement, | 431   | 81 |                 |
| " L. S. Palmer, for refrigerators, do.                     | 46    | 87 |                 |
| " J. G. Pole, for addition to mess hall, do.               | 323   | 09 |                 |
| " Sam. McD. Moore, for negro man, baker,                   | 449   | 00 |                 |
|  |       |    | 1,250 77        |
| " Wm. Stevens, for current supplies,                       | 52    | 01 |                 |
| " J. Gibson, do.   | 151   | 07 |                 |
| " L. Ginter, do.   | 10    | 00 |                 |
| " Webb, Bacon & Co., do.                                   | 23    | 96 |                 |
| " Tyndale & Mitchell, do.                                  | 41    | 45 |                 |
| " James Compton, do.                                       | 1,006 | 16 |                 |
| " J. T. Figgatt, do.                                       | 3     | 00 |                 |
| " Servants' wages, do.                                     | 295   | 77 |                 |
| " A. Graham, do.   | 100   | 00 |                 |
| " R. L. Gillock, do.                                       | 75    | 00 |                 |
|  |       |    | 1,758 42        |
| " V. M. institute for advances made,                       | -     | -  | 294 34          |
|  |       |    | <u>3,303 53</u> |

**CR.**

This department stands credited with the balance to its credit as

|  |   |   |                                    |
|--|---|---|------------------------------------|
| per treasurer's report,  | - | - | 1,013 93                           |
| Less board refunded to cadets,   | - | - | 124 50                             |
|  |   |   | <u>889 43</u>                      |
| Balance due by the sub. dep't., June 1849,   | - | - | <u>\$2,414 10</u>                  |
| Annual receipts of the subsistence department for board of average of 104 cadets, at \$7 50 per month, | - | - | 9,360 00                           |
| Annual expenses of sub. dep't. as per steward's report,  | - | - | 7,684 09                           |
|  |   |   | <u>Annual profit, - \$1,676 00</u> |

*E. E.*

FRANCIS H. SMITH,  
*Superintendent.*

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## REPORT COMMISSARY SUBSISTENCE V. M. INSTITUTE

SUBSISTENCE DEPARTMENT V. M. I.

June 1849.

SIR:

In accordance with the 11th article of the regulations, I have the honor to present a report of the operations of the subsistence department V. M. I., and also of the cadets' commons, since their organization on the present basis, January 1st, 1849, up to the 30th June 1849.

Accompanying this report, will be found statement [A,] "current expenses," embracing the total expenditures for the cadets' commons from January 1st to June 30th, 1849, amounting to \$4,601 96, with a credit of \$4,964 85, thus leaving a balance of \$362 89, available for the partial extinguishment of the sinking fund debt.

Statement [B,] "sinking fund account," shews a debt remaining of \$2,414 10, incurred for permanent improvements and repairs, and therein stated, together with the purchase of a slave, a baker.

Statement [C,] has been prepared to exhibit the monthly and daily consumption of the several articles used; this calculation is based on the actual results of the last five months, January being excluded, as from causes incident to the change of systems, a due regard to economy could not be had. The cost, therefore, having far exceeded any subsequent month, it is not deemed proper to introduce the amount into the statement, as it would swell the average expense beyond what is shewn to be necessary for the maintenance of the establishment on its present footing. By this statement, it will be seen that \$640 is estimated for the subsistence, &c., of 104 cadets, and it is thought this amount will not be very materially affected by the increase of the corps to 120.

The estimate shews that to 104 cadets the average expense of each will be \$6 15 per month, to cover the cost of subsisting them.

A semi-annual return of receipts and issues of furniture, &c., is also presented, exhibiting the value of property issued, together with the value of that which remains on hand in the subsistence store; and lastly,

An inventory of the effects remaining on hand in cadets' commons, with its estimated present value.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN T. GIBBS, *Comm'y Subs. V. M. I.*

To Col. F. H. SMITH, *Supt. V. M. I.*





## SINKING FUND ACCOUNT Subsistence Department Virginia Military Institute, June 30th, 1849.

| Dr.  |   |                   |   | Cr.               |
|--|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| To value of articles in current use in cadets' commons,    | - | 938 67            | By amount transferred from current expense account, | -                 |
| Value of articles in subsistence store,                    | - | 364 02            | Damages refunded,                                   | -                 |
| Two rooms in rear of mess hall,                            | - | 245 38            | By balance,   | -                 |
| Building oven, fitting up new and repairing old bake room, | - | 53 29             |   | 2,414 10          |
| Building privy,  | - | 12 54             |   |                   |
| Hydrant to kitchen,  | - | 42 76             |   |                   |
| Hog-pen,   | - | 10 00             |   |                   |
| Chicken coop,  | - | 10 00             |   |                   |
| Water cistern,   | - | 15 00             |   |                   |
| Building drain,  | - | 39 33             |   |                   |
| Repairs to mess hall,                                      | - | 65 64             |   |                   |
| Manure,  | - | 20 00             |   |                   |
| Storeroom,   | - | 500 00            |   |                   |
| Repairs to old storeroom,                                  | - | 2 25              |   |                   |
| " mess hall,   | - | 5 00              |   |                   |
| " kitchen,   | - | 4 50              |   |                   |
| knife-cleaner,   | - | 3 25              |   |                   |
| General repairs,   | - | 8 26              |   |                   |
| Negro man Jack,  | - | 449 00            |   |                   |
|  |   | <u>\$2,788 89</u> |   |                   |
|  |   |                   |   | <u>\$2,788 89</u> |

To Col. F. H. Smith, Superintendent V. M. I.

JNO. T. GIBBS, Com'g. Subs. V. M. I.



## ESTIMATE.

|   |   |   |   |            |
|---|---|---|---|------------|
| Aggregate cost of provisions for five months,                               | - | - | - | \$ 2,342 5 |
| Monthly average,  | - | - | - | 468 5      |
| Pay roll,   | - | - | - | 134 6      |
| Wood and chopping, washing and other incidental expenses,                   | - | - | - | 36 8       |
| Estimated monthly expenditures for cadets' commons, subsisting 122 persons, |   |   |   | \$ 640 0   |
| Cost of subsistence per month, to 104 cadets, each,                         | - | - | - | \$ 6 1     |

JOHN T. GIBBS,

*Steward Cadets' Commons, V. M. I.*To Col. F. H. SMITH,  
*Superintendent V. M. I.*

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The committee entrusted with the examination of the financial affairs of the institute, submit the subjoined report :

A careful investigation of the treasurer's report, and the vouchers accompanying it, enables us to testify to the fidelity and accuracy with which the accounts of the institution have been kept, and to exhibit the encouraging estimate, hereto annexed, of the receipts and liabilities of the fiscal year terminating July 1st, 1850.

## RECEIPTS.

|                                       |   |                    |
|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| Available balance on hand,            | - | 1,827 32           |
| Tuition fees (contingent),            | - | 2,800 00           |
| Literary fund appropriation,          | - | 1,500 00           |
| Annual state do.                      | - | 7,710 00           |
| Diplomas (contingent),                | - | 100 00             |
| Commission account,                   | - | 650 00             |
| Debt due from subsistence department, | - | 294 34             |
|                                       |   | <u>\$14,881 66</u> |

## LIABILITIES.

|                              |   |   |                    |
|------------------------------|---|---|--------------------|
| Current expenses,            | - | - | 12,164 00          |
| Due J. G. Pole, as per bill, | - | - | 1,500 92           |
| " Robert White, "            | - | - | 841 43             |
| " H. M. Estill, "            | - | - | 300 00             |
| Balance                      | - | - | 75 31              |
|                              |   |   | <u>\$14,881 66</u> |

The details upon which the foregoing estimates are founded have been reviewed by your committee, and will be submitted, in due form, to the legislature. In conclusion, your committee cannot forbear the expression of highly favorable opinion upon the judgment and economy displayed by the superintendent in the application of the funds of the institute.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. W. CRUMP,  
DOUGLASS B. LAYNE.



## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUBSISTENCE DEPARTMENT.

The board having, at the last session, directed an entire re-organization of the mess hall, with the view of correcting the evils of the previous system, and exhibiting to the cadets a model of military organization in the subsistence department, as well as in the other departments of the institute, the particular attention of this committee has been given to the duty imposed upon them.

We have thoroughly examined the whole department, and find that the changes which have been made are eminently judicious and advantageous. The provisions are greatly improved in quality; the cooking is neat and wholesome; order and cleanliness pervade the mess hall, the bakehouse, the kitchen and all the appendages of the department; and instead of the well founded complaints which constantly existed under the old system, we have ascertained, by personal examination of the cadets, both graduates and others, that the commons are as good as they desire. In truth, they ought not to be better.

The debt which has been necessarily contracted in carrying this new system into effect, will be liquidated by the reduced expenses of the department in this and the next year; after which, the board of the cadets may be reduced from \$7 50 to \$6 15 per month.

WM. H. RICHARDSON,  
DOUGLASS B. LAYNE.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION.

A thorough examination of the cadets, in all their studies, having been made before the whole board, your committee on instruction report, that they find nothing in this department deserving the special notice of the board, except the fact, that the professor of natural sciences, who is also the commandant of cadets and instructor of infantry and artillery tactics, is overcharged with duties, and that it appears absolutely necessary to relieve him of a portion of them. Your committee would, therefore, concur in the recommendation of the superintendent, that an application be made to the legislature for an additional annual appropriation, sufficient to pay the salary of a professor of chemistry, who would also act as assistant commandant of cadets and instructor in the tactical department. Your committee would further recommend an increase of the salary of the teacher of French, at least sufficient to secure to the institute a continuance of the services of the accomplished French teacher now at the head of that department of instruction, and who is illy compensated at present by a salary of \$400.

WM. H. RICHARDSON,  
PHILIP ST. GEO. COCKE,

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

The committee charged with the inspection of the quartermaster's department report as follows :

They have examined the quartermaster's stores, and find that they have been purchased upon fair terms, and are of good and suitable quality. From these stores the cadets are supplied with clothing, books, stationery, and other necessary articles ; but no cadet is furnished with any article, without a written order from the superintendent. An account is kept with each cadet, who is also required to keep a full copy of his own account. By this arrangement, the entire dealing of the cadets is restricted within the institute walls, and subjected to the control of the superintendent, whilst the articles furnished are of good and uniform quality, and at prices above their prime cost, merely sufficient to meet the necessary expenses and incidental losses of the department.

In short, your committee find this department systematically ordered and conducted as a part of that admirable "ensemble" of method and exactness which pre-eminently characterizes the present organization and administration of the institute.

Respectfully submitted.

PHILIP ST. GEO. COCKE, }  
DOUGLASS B. LAYNE, } *Committee.*

## PROCEEDINGS OF COURT OF ENQUIRY, RELATIVE TO FIRE AT V. M. INSTITUTE.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
March 6th, 1849.

A court of enquiry, consisting of Col. John B. Baldwin, of the 160th regiment, president, Col. Jacob M. Ruff, of the 8th regiment, and Captain Robert S. Brooke, of the 160th regiment, is hereby directed to convene at the military institute at Lexington, on Saturday next, the 10th instant, to enquire into the cause or causes of a fire which the superintendent has reported to have occurred in the barracks of the institute, on Sunday, the 4th instant, and whether the same was in any degree the result of negligence or want of due care and vigilance on the part of the superintendent, or any other officer or officers of the institute, and to report thereupon the opinion of the said court, together with whatever they may deem pertinent to the subject, as speedily as may be.

In the event of the failure of either of the officers to attend, the president is authorized to detail another to act in his place.

By command.

WM. H. RICHARDSON,  
*Adjt.-General.*

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE,  
*At Lexington, March 10th, 1849.*

In pursuance of an order of the Governor of Virginia, dated March 6th, 1849, and herewith returned, a court of enquiry convened at the institute, consisting of Col. John B. Baldwin, of the 160th regiment, president, Col. Jacob M. Ruff, of the 8th regiment, and Captain Wm. H. Harman, of the 160th regiment.

The court was duly organized by taking the oaths prescribed by law, and Captain Harman was appointed recorder.

The court first proceeded to enquire into the general regulations adopted by the authorities of the institute for the prevention of fires, and examined the following testimony furnished by the superintendent at their request.

1. General regulations of the Virginia military institute, as published by authority—article No. 173—as follows :

“During the season in which fire is allowed, whenever the occupants are to leave the room, and also every night between tattoo and taps, the orderly of the room shall arrange the fire so as to render it safe, carefully extinguishing all blaze, and shall see that his water bucket is filled with water, before retiring.”

No. 174. “Every night, after tattoo and before taps, he shall cause all the lights in the rooms to be carefully extinguished.”

2. Order No. 63, dated October 18th, 1848, as follows :

“1. Fires will be allowed in barracks from this date, and the attention of orderlies is specially directed to the 173d article of the regulations, prescribing the duties of orderlies during the season of fire.

“It will also be the duty of the inspectors of divisions, at their inspection at taps, to see that the water buckets are supplied with water, as required by the above regulation, and to report every neglect in this particular.

“By order of Col. Smith.

R. E. RODES, *Adjutant.*”

The following witnesses were then examined, viz :

1. Major William Gilham, commandant of cadets, being first duly sworn, deposed as follows :

“The orders of the officer of the day are, to keep four sentinels upon post from retreat until within a few minutes of 10 o'clock ; from that time until reveille, one sentinel is kept upon post, and the sergeant of the guard in the guard room.

“The sentinels are required to be vigilant, not only in the suppression of irregularities, but in the protection of the public property in every way. During the evening, from the time the cadets return from tea until within a few minutes of taps, the time is divided into three reliefs, and, during each of these, the officer of the day is required to visit all the rooms of barracks once. The sentinel on post after taps, who stands in a position to command a general view of the barracks, is required, when he sees a light in any room, to send the sergeant to ascertain the cause.



"It is my habit to visit the barracks almost every day, during the day, and once during the evening, between the call to quarters and tattoo. Occasionally I make visitations after taps. My assistant is also required to make similar visitations."

2. J. F. Jordan, cadet quartermaster, being duly sworn, deposed as follows :

"I was officer of the day on Sunday the 4th inst. I have heard read the testimony of Maj. Gilham in regard to the duties of officers of the day and sergeants of the guard. I know that in practice the duties of those officers are such as he has stated. I would state the additional fact, that on the 3d inst. Maj. Gilham directed that the officer of the day, for the future, should visit the sentinel at least once after taps.

"I have been acting temporarily as one of the inspectors of division. These officers are required to inspect the rooms in barracks every night at taps; to see that all are present, fires safe and lights extinguished. They report immediately to the commandant of cadets, or his assistant—one of whom is usually in the barracks yard to receive such reports, or in case of their absence, the reports of inspectors are made to the officer of the day, who is required to report forthwith to the commandant or his assistant.

"Whilst the cadets are at meals, or at church, four sentinels are regularly posted. Upon the evening of the 4th inst., desiring to attend church, I applied to Maj. Gilham, commandant of cadets, for leave of absence, which he granted, upon condition that I would leave the senior sergeant of the guard in charge in my absence—with instructions to perform the usual visitations. Major G. also said he would himself visit the barracks. My reason for applying for leave of absence was, that the rules of the institute forbid the officer of the day to leave the grounds without special permission."

3. Cadet R. R. Smith, being duly sworn, deposed as follows :

"I was senior sergeant of the guard on Sunday the 4th inst., and took the place of cadet Jordan, the officer of the day, who had permission to go to church. When I relieved him, I was under the impression that he had already made the tour of inspection required for that relief, and consequently I did not repeat it. The next relief had just been posted when the fire was discovered, and I had no opportunity to make the inspection required of the officer of the day for that relief."

4. Cadet John McPherson, being duly sworn, deposed as follows :

"I was on Sunday night, the 4th inst., one of the four sentinels on post on the second relief.

"About 8 o'clock I was relieved. Just before being relieved I discovered a bright light in No. 28—but it being an hour at which lights were permitted, and not knowing that the occupant of the room was absent, I paid no attention to the matter until I was returning to my room, when the smoke attracted me, and I got my lamp and tried to go in, but could not for the smoke. I then called my room-mates and we gave the alarm.

"I was not the regular sentinel of room No. 28, but that room could

be better seen by me than by the sentinel of that division. No. 28, from peculiar circumstances, was occupied by a single cadet, who, at the time the fire occurred, was absent by permission."

After the examination of these witnesses, the court examined the "guard book," containing daily reports of the manner in which these inspections are conducted, and found the most satisfactory evidence of very minute attention to the details.

They also examined the "delinquent book," showing the offences for which punishments or demerit have been imposed, and found repeated instances of cadets who had been reported and punished for the slightest violation or neglect of the rules in relation to fires and lights.

The court then visited the room in which the fire originated, and found no difficulty in ascertaining the cause of the fire. The room being at the time occupied by a single cadet, who was at church by permission, in his absence a chunk seems to have fallen from the fire and to have burned a hole in the floor near the hearth. Thence the fire was communicated under the floor and along the joists in such a manner as to exhibit no flame, and to render it very difficult to ascertain where the fire was.

The court report without hesitation the decided opinion, that the fire was not, in any degree, the result of negligence or want of due care and vigilance on the part of the superintendent or any other officer of the institute. On the contrary it is difficult to conceive of a more complete system of police applicable to the subject.

The court being required to report whatever they may deem pertinent to the subject, would report that, from the examination they have made of the character and construction of the northeastern wing of the barracks, they are satisfied that it is impossible to maintain any system of police and inspection which would ensure perfect safety against fire. There is no mode of subjecting any of the rooms to the ready observation of a sentinel, and it is entirely impossible to post a sentinel at any point within the institute from which he can see any part of half the rooms in these barracks.

All which is respectfully submitted; and, thereupon, the court adjourned *sine die*.

JOHN B. BALDWIN, *President*,  
JACOB M. RUFF, Col. Sth Regt.  
WM. W. HARMAN, Capt. 160th Regt.

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STAUNTON, March Sth, 1849.

It appearing that Capt. Robert S. Brooke is unable to attend the court of enquiry directed by the within order, I have detailed Capt. William H. Harman, of the 160th regiment, to act in his place.

JOHN B. BALDWIN, *President*.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
*Richmond*, April 5, 1849.

The foregoing is a true copy of the original report on file in the office.

WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON, *A. G.*

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SPECIAL REPORT OF BOARD OF VISITORS VIRGINIA  
MILITARY INSTITUTE.

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE,  
LEXINGTON, Sept. 15th, 1849.

*To his Excellency* JOHN B. FLOYD,  
*Governor of Virginia.*

In obedience to the requirements of an act of the general assembly, passed March 16th, 1849, the board of visitors of the Virginia military institute have made the personal examination directed by that act. Referring to the fact, that the legislature have established a large depot of arms at Lexington, of which the corps of cadets in the guard, the board concluded that it was not contemplated to remove that depot from the Valley, and therefore determined to confine their exploration to a line extending from Winchester, in the county of Frederick, to Salem, in the county of Roanoke.

Meeting at Winchester on the 1st inst., they received, through A. W. Kercheval and Charles J. Faulkner, Esq's, liberal offers of gratuitous appropriations of land and other property, on the part of Romney, in the county of Hampshire, and Martinsburg, in the county of Berkeley; but these being border counties of the state, the board were of opinion that it would be inexpedient to locate the institute and especially the arsenal, in either, and therefore felt compelled to decline invitations to visit those places. An invitation to visit Alexandria was also received from the common council, through its president, which was declined for similar reasons. Their examination, then, commenced at Winchester, and continued through New Market, in the county of Shenandoah, Harrisonburg, in the county of Rockingham, Waynesborough, in the county of Augusta, to Salem, in the county of Roanoke. At several of these places excellent locations, combining the advantages mentioned in the act of assembly, were found. The board concluded their examination with the grounds of Lexington and its vicinity.

The board have received assurances from the most respectable citizens, that any required quantity of land, for the location of the institution, will be given at several of the places they have visited.

If the question of location were an original one, grounds better adapted to military exercises than those immediately connected with the institute at Lexington, may be found, and at places equally healthy; but considering the extent and cost of the buildings already erected



there, and the great loss the state would sustain by its removal to another place, the board were impressed with the importance of overcoming, if possible, the natural difficulties of the position, so as to avoid the sacrifice which must result from a removal, and therefore deem it inexpedient to remove the institute from its present location.

The defects of the grounds, now used for military exercises, may be overcome to a considerable extent, by levelling; and may be enlarged by the addition of an adjacent lot of  $5\frac{1}{2}$  acres of land, which will extend them to a street. An estimate of this expense will be found below. Or, if it be deemed expedient to remove the institute to a location better adapted by nature to all military exercises, the board have found one near the village of Lexington combining all requisite advantages as fully as any they have seen, and the selection of that would have the effect of preventing a depreciation to the same extent in the value of the public property, which would result from its removal to another place.

As coming within the scope of enquiry, as to the advantages and disadvantages of location, the board deem it proper to state that they have received, through the Hon. James McDowell, a copy of the proceedings of a large and respectable meeting of the people of Rockbridge county, containing, among several, the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Military institute, deriving its students as much from the most remote portions of the state, as from its immediate vicinity as a state institution, there is not, and cannot be, any conflict of interest between it and Washington college, resulting from their proximity to each other. That we rejoice to see the harmony which prevails between the professors, students and cadets of the two institutions, in the success of which we feel a deep interest, and the prosperous condition of which reflects much credit on the county and state. And we are gratified to find that the only effect of their being located in the same vicinity has been to stimulate the professors and students, in both, to extraordinary exertions in their respective avocations."

They have also received a communication from the trustees of Washington college, which, together with the response of the board, their committee, is herewith annexed.

Proceeding to other enquiries directed by the legislature, the board are informed and believe, that in the event of a removal of the institute, the public property at Lexington would not command in money more than \$12,000.

The cost of locating elsewhere, as nearly as we can ascertain, will be as follows:

|   |   |           |
|---|---|-----------|
| For land, \$100 per acre, for 25 acres, present quantity, | - | 2,500     |
| Arsenal,  | - | 7,000     |
| Barracks,   | - | 30,000    |
| Professors' houses,                                       | - | 16,000    |
| Less hall,  | - | 4,000     |
| Carried forward,  |   | \$ 59,500 |

|   |                  |   |                  |
|---|------------------|---|------------------|
|   | Brought forward, | - | 59,500           |
| Gun-house and magazine,                                 | -                | - | 1,500            |
| Hospital,   | -                | - | 1,500            |
| Enclosure and improvement of grounds,                   | -                | - | 5,000            |
| 25 acres of land indispensably required,                | -                | - | 2,500            |
| Removal of arms and ordnance,                           | -                | - | 3,000            |
| Loss of old materials and superintending new buildings, | -                | - | 10,000           |
| Supply of water,  | -                | - | 5,000            |
| Making the total charge for removal,                    |                  |   | <u>\$ 88,000</u> |

Which sum will be reduced by the amount of the sale of the public property now at Lexington.

The following is a comparative statement of the expense of repairing or rebuilding the cadets' barracks :

1. *For repair and additional accommodation of 200 cadets.* The expense of repairs to present building and enclosures absolutely necessary, will be as follows :

|   |   |   |   |                  |
|---|---|---|---|------------------|
| For repairs to barracks,  | - | - | - | 10,000           |
| Cost of the additional house for the accommodation of 100 cadets, | - | - | - | 12,000           |
| One additional professor's house,                                 | - | - | - | 4,000            |
| Levelling and enlarging parade ground,                            | - | - | - | 2,500            |
| Enclosures,   | - | - | - | 2,500            |
| Purchase of lot to enlarge parade ground,                         | - | - | - | 800              |
| Purchase of 25 acres of land,                                     | - | - | - | 2,500            |
| Total,  |   |   |   | <u>\$ 34,300</u> |

2. *For the erection of buildings upon a plan adapted to the purposes of a military school, as heretofore recommended by the board of visitors, calculated to accommodate 200 cadets, with the necessary lecture-rooms, as follows :*

|  |   |   |   |                  |
|--|---|---|---|------------------|
| Barracks,  | - | - | - | 30,000           |
| Two professors' houses,  | - | - | - | 8,000            |
| Levelling and enlarging parade ground, including purchase of lot,                              | - | - | - | 3,300            |
| Improving grounds,   | - | - | - | 2,500            |
| 25 additional acres of land for encampment and for infantry and cavalry drill, when necessary, | - | - | - | 2,500            |
| Total expense for reconstruction,  |   |   |   | <u>\$ 46,300</u> |

Excess of expenses of rebuilding over that of repair, \$ 12,000

As respects the expediency of repairing or rebuilding the cadets barracks, the comparative statement of the expense of each, prepared after full consultation with an experienced architect, shows most con-

clusively that true economy demands a reconstruction of the entire building occupied as quarters by the cadets. The excess of cost being but \$12,000, will be more than counterbalanced by the increased comfort, safety and order of the institution; while the progressive saving, from the introduction of furnaces and gas apparatus in the new buildings, will of itself fully cover the difference of costs in a few years.

The board therefore beg leave respectfully and earnestly to recommend the reconstruction of the cadets' quarters, upon the plan recommended, as speedily as it can be done.

Believing the above estimate abundant for this purpose, and allowing four years for the completion of those improvements, the board advise an annual appropriation, for four years, of a sufficient sum to enable them to carry the proposed plan into effect.

We are, very respectfully,

Your obedient servants,

CORBIN BRAXTON, *Presid't B. V. M. I.*  
 PHILIP ST. GEO. COCKE,  
 P. H. STEENBERGEN,  
 D. B. LAYNE,  
 WM. H. RICHARDSON,  
 WM. W. CRUMP.

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*At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Washington College, 21st  
 June 1849 :*

On motion, the following preamble and resolution was adopted :

Whereas, certain action of the Virginia legislature and of a public meeting of citizens of Rockbridge, on the removal of the Virginia military institute, has given rise to rumors of a certain character; and whereas various members of this body conceive that an expression of the views of this board on the subject, is at once courteous to the board of visitors and agreeable to the public sentiment of this community; therefore,

*Resolved*, That this board, while declining all wish or authority to influence the board of visitors, does hereby cordially and candidly assure that body, that the trustees of Washington college have no desire for any change in the present location of the Virginia military institute, and no disposition to interfere in the slightest manner with its management, and in their opinion, there need be no conflict between the two institutions to disturb their present harmonious relations.

(Signed,)

SAM'L McD. REID, *Sec'y.*



To which the following answer was returned :

GENTLEMEN,

The visitors of the Virginia military institute have entrusted to us the following duty of responding, in their name and with their unanimous sanction, to the kindly and liberal sentiment contained in the preamble and resolution adopted by the trustees of Washington college on the 21st June 1849.

The visitors assure the trustees of the college that they have not been moved or influenced in the remotest degree by the rumors adverted to, nor have they participated at all in the excitement or disorder occasioned by them. Personally and officially they ardently desire that the most cordial and friendly relations may continue to exist between the two institutions. They heard with profound regret that those relations have been temporarily interrupted ; and they have heard since, with unaffected satisfaction and delight, that the most entire harmony now prevails. The sentiments expressed by the trustees give assurance that this harmony will be hereafter preserved in all its integrity ; and the visitors sincerely hope that the only rivalry which will mark the future course of the two institutions will consist in a generous emulation, a noble desire to be foremost among those seminaries of learning which are now engaged in imparting intelligence and refinement to Virginia's sons.

Accept the assurances of our high personal consideration for yourselves, and our earnest wishes for the prosperity of the institution over which you preside.

(Signed,)

WM. W. CRUMP,  
PHILIP ST. GEO. COCKE, } *Committee.*

## VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE,

*In account with THOS. H. WILLIAMSON, Treas'r V. M. I.*

| Date.       |  | Current Expenses. | On account of Building. | Quartermaster's Department. |
|-------------|--|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1848, June. | Paid W. S. Eskridge, - - -                         | 13 75             | -                       | -                           |
|             | " M. McKennie, - - -                               | 24 50             | -                       | -                           |
|             | " W. Breslin, - - -                                | 51 00             | -                       | -                           |
|             | " J. Montgomery, - - -                             | 1 75              | -                       | -                           |
|             | " S. Charlton, - - -                               | -                 | 20 00                   | -                           |
|             | " R. Harwood, - - -                                | 5 00              | -                       | -                           |
|             | " Mac, - - -                                       | 2 25              | -                       | -                           |
|             | " May & Blacken, agents of R. & W. Robinson, - - - | -                 | -                       | 215 83                      |
|             | " W. Smiley, - - -                                 | -                 | -                       | 92                          |
|             | " J. Bushong, - - -                                | -                 | -                       | 5 13                        |
|             | " A. J. Crizer, - - -                              | -                 | -                       | 5 54                        |
| July.       | " C. Birmingham, - - -                             | 33 50             | -                       | -                           |
|             | " John Turpin, - - -                               | -                 | 60 00                   | -                           |
|             | " C. B. Williams, jr., - - -                       | 10 00             | -                       | -                           |
|             | " Expenses Armory band, - - -                      | 50 00             | -                       | -                           |
|             | " T. H. Williamson, order of board, - - -          | 100 00            | -                       | -                           |
|             | " D. Estill, for state cadets to July 1848, - - -  | 50 00             | -                       | -                           |
|             | " F. W. Seabury, - - -                             | -                 | -                       | 476 50                      |
|             |  | <u>\$ 341 75</u>  | <u>80 00</u>            | <u>703 92</u>               |

## DEBITS.

|  |   |        |
|--|---|--------|
| Paid for current expenses, as per above statement, - | - | 341 75 |
| " On account of building, -                          | - | 80 00  |
| " " Quartermaster's department, -                    | - | 703 92 |

## CREDITS.

|   |                    |                 |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|
| By amount in the Virginia military institute department, as reported to the Board of visitors in June 1848, - | -                  | 2,765 71        |
| By ditto in the quartermaster's department, same report, -  | -                  | 180 15          |
| To balance transferred to R. E. Colston, treasurer V. M. I.,  | 1,820 19           |                 |
|   | <u>\$ 2,945 86</u> | <u>2,945 86</u> |

The balance transferred to R. E. Colston, is made out as follows:

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| Balance to the credit of the Virginia military institute, | 2,343 96           |
| " Debit of the quartermaster's department,                | 523 77             |
|   | <u>\$ 1,820 19</u> |

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THOS. H. WILLIAMSON,  
Treas. V. M. I.

## VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE,

*In account with R. E. COLSTON, Treasurer*

| Date.       |  | Current Expenses. | Supert's House. | Q. M. Department. | Apparatus. | Subst. Department. |
|-------------|--|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------|--------------------|
| 1848, July. | Debt transferred by T. H. Williamson, late treasurer, -            | -                 | -               | 523 77            |            |                    |
|             | Paid Jos. Winn, -  | 1 81              |                 |                   |            |                    |
|             | J. M. Ruff, -  | 16 79             |                 |                   |            |                    |
|             | Wm. Gilham, for rent of house, -                                   | 120 00            |                 |                   |            |                    |
|             | Postage to date, -   | 13 21             |                 |                   |            |                    |
|             | Wm. Gibson, -  | -                 | 12 75           |                   |            |                    |
| Aug.        | G. A. Baker, -   | 1000 00           |                 |                   |            |                    |
|             | John Wallace, -  | 2 65              |                 |                   |            |                    |
|             | William Gilham, -  | -                 | -               | -                 | 200 00     |                    |
|             | Jos. Deaver, -   | -                 | -               | 105 25            |            |                    |
|             | Luther Alexander, freight, -                                       | -                 | -               | 14 72             |            |                    |
|             | F. H. Smith's draft to Wilcox, Maris & Co., -                      | -                 | -               | 418 85            |            |                    |
|             | F. H. Smith's draft to Thos. Cowperthwaite & Co., -                | -                 | -               | 731 87            |            |                    |
|             | James Risk, freight, -   | -                 | -               | 34 00             |            |                    |
|             | R. E. Rodes, " -   | -                 | -               | 85                |            |                    |
|             | Wm. Wallace, " -   | -                 | -               | 23 18             |            |                    |
|             | Quartermaster's department, as per abstract for July and August, - | 16 26             |                 |                   |            |                    |
|             | Sundries " " " -   | -                 | -               | 57 69             |            |                    |
| Sept.       | F. H. Smith, McAllister's bill, -                                  | -                 | -               | 32 75             |            |                    |
|             | " John Wiley, -  | -                 | -               | 93 40             |            |                    |
|             | " Davis & Jones, -   | -                 | -               | 320 40            |            |                    |
|             | " W. H. Carey, -   | -                 | -               | 77 08             |            |                    |
|             | " Cornelius & Co. -  | -                 | -               | 21 25             |            |                    |
|             | " R. R. Duval, -   | -                 | -               | 26 75             |            |                    |
|             | " C. Hall, -   | -                 | -               | 6 00              |            |                    |
|             | " Expenses north, -  | -                 | -               | 102 73            |            |                    |
|             | " J. M. Freeman, -   | 15 00             |                 |                   |            |                    |
|             | Wm. Breslin, two mos. wages, -                                     | 34 00             |                 |                   |            |                    |
|             | C. Birmingham, " -   | 34 00             |                 |                   |            |                    |
|             | J. R. Maben, -   | -                 | 20 00           |                   |            |                    |
|             | S. Charlton, painting, &c., -                                      | 129 26            |                 |                   |            |                    |
|             | Josh. Parks, -   | 10 12             |                 |                   |            |                    |
|             | Andrew Fenton, as per bill, -                                      | 226 75            |                 |                   |            |                    |
|             | J. M. Ruff, -  | 22 09             |                 |                   |            |                    |
|             | Withrow, for two drum-heads, -                                     | 1 50              |                 |                   |            |                    |
|             | Jas. Bowlen, -   | 1 50              |                 |                   |            |                    |
|             | Richmond Whig, for adv. -  | 18 00             |                 |                   |            |                    |
|             | N. Harris, on acct. washing, -                                     | 40 00             |                 |                   |            |                    |
|             | Jacob Thomas, -  | -                 | -               | 33 21             |            |                    |
|             | S. Mc. D. Moore, -   | -                 | -               | 106 25            |            |                    |
|             | J. P. James, -   | -                 | -               | 165 53            |            |                    |
|             | H. Barclay, -  | -                 | -               | 93 74             |            |                    |
|             | W. S. Eskridge, balance on wood contract, -                        | -                 | -               | 49 51             |            |                    |
|             | T. H. Williamson, wood-cutting, -                                  | -                 | -               | 42 99             |            |                    |
|             | Magdalene Madison, -   | -                 | -               | 12 00             |            |                    |
|             | Amounts carried forward,   | \$ 1702 94        | 32 75           | 3053 77           | 200 00     |                    |



| Date. |  | Current Expenses. | Supert's House. | Q. M. Department. | Apparatus. | Subst. Department. |
|-------|--|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Sept. | Brought forward, -                               | 1702 94           | 32 75           | 3053 77           | 200 00     |                    |
|       | Paid J. M. Wilson, -                             | -                 | -               | 8 29              |            |                    |
|       | J. B. Lyle, -                                    | -                 | -               | 50 37             |            |                    |
|       | J. Risk, freight, -                              | -                 | -               | 4 88              |            |                    |
|       | J. Smiley, " -                                   | -                 | -               | 1 15              |            |                    |
|       | A. Figgatt, -                                    | -                 | -               | 18 19             |            |                    |
|       | J. B. Clyce, -                                   | -                 | -               | 4 50              |            |                    |
|       | Compton & McDonald, -                            | -                 | -               | 104 23            |            |                    |
|       | T. H. Williamson, for wood-cutting, -            | -                 | -               | 58 69             |            |                    |
|       | F. H. Smith, 1 quar. sal. Oct. 1, -              | 500 00            |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | J. T. L. Preston, " " -                          | 300 00            |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | Wm. Gilham, " " -                                | 300 00            |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | T. H. Williamson, " " -                          | 300 00            |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | R. E. Rodes, " " -                               | 100 00            |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | R. E. Colston, " " -                             | 137 50            |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | Q. M. Dep. per abstract, Sept. -                 | 4 29              |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | Sundries, " " -                                  | -                 | -               | 120 84            |            |                    |
|       | Cadet Lovell, F., tuition erroneously charged, - | 30 00             |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | Cadet Harris, T., " " -                          | 30 00             |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | H. & W. Barclay, -                               | 31 44             |                 |                   |            |                    |
| Oct.  | Capt. Charles Dimmock, expenses of band, -       | 82 50             |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | Wm. S. Eskridge, board of state cadets, -        | 422 50            |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | N. Harris, washing " -                           | 36 40             |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | S. Winn, washing " -                             | 28 85             |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | Wm. Breslin, wages, -                            | 15 12             |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | C. Birmingham, " -                               | 16 37             |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | M. McKennie, -                                   | 29 13             |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | J. G. Pole, -                                    | -                 | 300 00          |                   |            |                    |
|       | Wm. Ker, -                                       | -                 | 8 00            |                   |            |                    |
|       | Postage to date, -                               | 8 53              |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | James Cooper, freight, -                         | -                 | -               | 13 47             |            |                    |
|       | S. Vanderslice, -                                | -                 | -               | 379 34            |            |                    |
|       | N. Birmingham, -                                 | -                 | -               | 4 12              |            |                    |
|       | C. B. Williams, balance of salary to Oct. 1st, - | -                 | -               | 9 75              |            |                    |
|       | E. Barrett, -                                    | -                 | -               | 3 24              |            |                    |
|       | James Fertig, freight, -                         | -                 | -               | 13 55             |            |                    |
|       | S. R. Smith, -                                   | -                 | -               | 55 00             |            |                    |
|       | Mrs. E. Wallace, -                               | -                 | -               | 7 50              |            |                    |
|       | S. Higginbotham, -                               | -                 | -               | 11 25             |            |                    |
|       | James Wallace, freight, -                        | -                 | -               | 4 00              |            |                    |
|       | Chs. Rose, Esq., -                               | -                 | -               | 10 00             |            |                    |
|       | E. Mitchell, -                                   | -                 | -               | 4 94              |            |                    |
|       | Sarah Moody, -                                   | -                 | -               | 3 37              |            |                    |
|       | W. S. Eskridge, -                                | -                 | -               | 4 00              |            |                    |
|       | R. E. Rodes, freight, -                          | -                 | -               | 3 75              |            |                    |
|       | Mrs. R. Parks, -                                 | -                 | -               | 16 75             |            |                    |
|       | T. Kirkpatrick, freight, -                       | -                 | -               | 13 08             |            |                    |
|       | Q. M. Dep. per abstract Oct. -                   | -                 | -               | 6 43              |            |                    |
|       | " " " " -  | 13 50             |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | Sundries " " -                                   | -                 | -               | 67 74             |            |                    |
| Nov.  | C. Birmingham, wages, -                          | 15 75             |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | Wm. Breslin, " -                                 | 15 75             |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | T. H. Williamson, as per bill, -                 | 34 00             |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | Amounts carried forward, -                       | \$4154 57         | 340 75          | 4056 19           | 200 00     |                    |

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|-------|--|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Nov.  | Brought forward, -   | 4154 57           | 340 75          | 4056 19           | 200 00     |                    |
|       | Paid S. Mc. D. Moore, -                                    | -                 | 50 00           |                   |            |                    |
|       | Dr. Graham, -  | 33 00             |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | R. E. Colston, on acct. salary, -                          | 90 00             |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | R. E. Rodes, " " -   | 10 00             |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | C. B. Williams, freight, -                                 | -                 | -               | 10 60             |            |                    |
|       | Chs. Wayne, -  | -                 | -               | 52 00             |            |                    |
|       | J. T. Figgatt, balance due, -                              | -                 | -               | 30 09             |            |                    |
|       | Milly Howard, -  | -                 | -               | 13 87             |            |                    |
|       | Geo. Rupp, -   | -                 | -               | 23 37             |            |                    |
|       | C. B. Williams, on acct. salary, -                         | -                 | -               | 5 00              |            |                    |
|       | Q. M. Dep., per abstract Nov. Sundries, " " -              | 3 17              | -               |                   |            |                    |
|       | John M. Weightman, -                                       | -                 | -               | 41 03             |            |                    |
| Dec.  | F. H. Smith, one quarter's salary to Jan. 1, 1849, -       | -                 | -               | -                 | 400 00     |                    |
|       | J. T. L. Preston, " " -                                    | 500 00            |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | Wm. Gilham, " " -  | 300 00            |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | T. H. Williamson, " " -                                    | 300 00            |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | R. E. Colston, " " -                                       | 137 50            |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | R. E. Rodes, " " -   | 100 00            |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | F. H. Smith, expenses to Staunton and back, -              | -                 | -               | -                 | -          | 12                 |
|       | F. H. Smith, half expenses to Richmond and back, -         | -                 | -               | -                 | -          | 20                 |
|       | F. H. Smith, paid Ginter's bill, -                         | -                 | -               | -                 | -          | 15                 |
|       | J. T. Gibbs, sal. Oct. and Nov. -                          | -                 | -               | -                 | -          | 80                 |
|       | Groce, for freight, -                                      | -                 | -               | -                 | -          | 18                 |
|       | W. Henderson, -  | -                 | -               | -                 | -          | 31                 |
|       | F. H. Smith, half expenses to Richmond and back, -         | 20 00             |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | F. H. Smith, Barnard's School Architecture, -              | 1 75              |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | F. H. Smith, Amer. Almanac, -                              | 1 00              |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | " " 2 doz. mouth glue, -                                   | 1 00              |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | Wm. Breslin, wages, -                                      | 16 38             |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | C. Birmingham " -  | 16 07             |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | Wm. Jordan, freight, -                                     | 1 50              |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | R. E. Figgatt, -   | 12 19             |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | S. Winn, washing for state cadets, -                       | 236 08            |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | Mike, fifer, for his washing, -                            | 5 00              |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | McC Campbell, for W. S. Eskridge, board of state cadets, - | 100 00            |                 |                   |            |                    |
|       | J. T. Gibbs, -   | -                 | -               | 6 21              |            |                    |
|       | W. S. Eskridge, damages, -                                 | -                 | -               | 3 94              |            |                    |
|       | J. B. Lyle, -  | -                 | -               | 15 00             |            |                    |
|       | S. R. Smith, -   | -                 | -               | 12 00             |            |                    |
|       | Episcopal sewing society, -                                | -                 | -               | 49 25             |            |                    |
|       | S. M. Dold, -  | -                 | -               | 9 75              |            |                    |
|       | McCorkle, -  | -                 | -               | 150 00            |            |                    |
|       | F. H. Smith, for Episcopal sewing society, -               | -                 | -               | 11 75             |            |                    |
|       | Webb, Bacon & Co., -                                       | -                 | -               | 403 83            |            |                    |
|       | Wm. Ritter, -  | -                 | -               | 274 00            |            |                    |
|       | J. R. Wright, -  | -                 | -               | 14 37             |            |                    |
|       | J. Middleton, -  | -                 | -               | 9 25              |            |                    |
|       | L. S. Palmer, -  | -                 | -               | 205 87            |            |                    |
|       | Amounts carried forward, -                                 | \$ 6339 21        | 390 75          | 5427 37           | 600 00     | 176 7              |

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|-------|---|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Dec.  | Brought forward, -                            | 6339 21           | 390 75           | 5427 37           | 600 00     | 176 74             |
|       | Paid T. H. Williamson, wood cut'g, -          | -                 | -                | 60 83             | -          | -                  |
|       | Wm. Gilham, -                                 | -                 | -                | -                 | 85 00      | -                  |
|       | " " -   | 57 98             | -                | -                 | -          | -                  |
|       | Sundries, as per Q. M.'s abstract for Dec., - | -                 | -                | 29 50             | -          | -                  |
|       | Q. M. D. " " -                                | 5 56              | -                | -                 | -          | -                  |
|       | Q. M. D. " " " -                              | -                 | -                | 62                | -          | -                  |
|       |   | \$6,402 75        | 390 75           | 5,518 32          | 685 00     | 176 74             |

|         |  | V. M. Inst. | Tuition. | Q. M.'s dept. | Appropriation. |
|---------|--|-------------|----------|---------------|----------------|
| ly.     | By amount transferred by T. H. Williamson, late treasurer, -   | 2343 96     | -        | -             | -              |
| August. | sundry pay cadets, -   | -           | 2620 00  | -             | -              |
|         | sundry cadets and officers, as per quartermaster's abstract, - | -           | -        | 1729 87       | -              |
| Sept.   | sundry pay cadets, -   | -           | 240 00   | -             | -              |
|         | sundry cadets and officers, as per quartermaster's abstract, - | -           | -        | 3912 72       | -              |
| Oct.    | Literary fund, -   | -           | -        | -             | 1500 00        |
|         | cadet Paxton, -  | -           | 30 00    | -             | -              |
|         | sundry cadets and officers, as per quartermaster's abstract, - | -           | -        | 1144 23       | -              |
| Nov.    | sale of books, -   | -           | -        | 8 13          | -              |
|         | sundry cadets and officers, -                                  | 157 00      | -        | -             | -              |
|         | sundries, as per quartermaster's abstract, -                   | -           | -        | 1293 27       | -              |
|         | sales to Cin. cadet, -   | -           | -        | 16 00         | -              |
| Dec.    | check from Gen. W. H. Richardson, -                            | -           | -        | -             | 400 00         |
|         | Do. do. -  | -           | -        | -             | 600 00         |
|         | commission account, -  | 412 10      | -        | -             | -              |
|         | Wm. Gilham, -  | 200 00      | -        | -             | -              |
|         | sundries, as per quartermaster's abstract, -                   | -           | -        | 881 90        | -              |
|         |  | \$3113 06   | 2890 00  | 8986 12       | 2500 00        |

## RECAPITULATION.

|   |   |             |            |
|---|---|-------------|------------|
| DR.   |   |             |            |
| Paid for current expenses from July to Dec. 31st, 1848,               | - | 6,402 75    |            |
| " superintendent's house, -   | - | 390 75      |            |
| " Q. M.'s department, -   | - | 5,518 32    |            |
| " Apparatus, -  | - | 685 00      |            |
| " subsistence department, -   | - | 176 74      |            |
| to balance, -   | - | 4,315 62    |            |
| CR.   |   |             |            |
| By amount transferred by late treasurer and received from sundries, - | - | -           | 3,113 06   |
| " received for tuition, -   | - | -           | 2,890 00   |
| " " from Q. M.'s department, -  | - | -           | 8,986 12   |
| " " from appropriation, -   | - | -           | 2,500 00   |
|   |   | \$17,489 18 | 17,489 18  |
| By balance on Jan. 1st, 1849, -                                       | - | -           | \$4,315 62 |

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R. E. COLSTON, Treas'r V. M. I.



